IRISH UN MEDAL DAY

A real Irish occasion took place recently when the Force Commander Major General James Quinn presented a UN medal to Sergeant Patrick Macdonald in the presence of the Irish Contingent Commander Lieutenant Colonel Sean Hamilton.

NEW CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

AND

NEW FORCE ENGINEER ARRIVE

Last week three Australian police officers were pictured together, just after Chief Superintendent Bill Bennett (right) had arrived to take over command of the Australian Contingent. The others with him are Assistant Commissioner J. Hamilton OBE QPM and Chief Inspector F. Renick, who has been commanding the contingent since Chief Superintendent J. Kelly had to return home.

During the last two weeks, two new staff officers have arrived in the Headquarters. In the Operations Branch Lieutenant Colonel G. Grand has arrived from Australia to take over the demanding job of Chief Operations Officer. He is taking over from Lieutenant Colonel R. K. Holmstryn with whom he was pictured last week. The other new arrival is Major T. D. Mackay CD of the Royal Canadian Engineers who has come to assume the duties of Force Engineer in place of Major T. A. Hackaday CD.
A REAL SWEDISH MIDSUMMER

One of the highlights of the year in Sweden is the traditional celebration of Midsummer Eve. During the festival, it was inevitable that the thoughts of many of the soldiers of the Swedish Contingent should turn to the celebrations taking place in Sweden, but this year, because there were quite a few relatives visiting members of the Contingent, it was possible to enjoy a typical family Midsummer Eve. The celebration started in the afternoon with the raising of the Midsummer Pole to folk music, and continued with dancing round the pole and a programme of games, including a tug-of-war competition. The Battalion enjoyed a dinner of whole roasted pig and saganäs, and then the dancing continued for most of the night.

There was lots of dancing around the Midsummer-pole. Here, among others, is the Legal adviser of the Battalion doing "the little frogs".

AMBASSADOR CELEBRATES WITH DANCON

Under midsummerfester i Xe-ron 23 JUN var Ambassador B. Thorning-Petersen og frue DANCON's gæster.

The Ambassador of Denmark and Mrs Thorning-Petersen attended the Midsummer party in Duncan. They were seen field with the Commanding Officer of the Battalion Lieutenant Colonel G. Bladhberg and Major O. Holm shortly after they arrived for the celebration.

Pigs roasted whole were served for Midsummer's Eve-dinner.

There was a lot of excitement during the thrilling tug-of-war competition.

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One of the busiest soldiers in Duncan during the summer season — Welfare Officer Captain E J Harre — is pictured here taking a well earned break.

Mr. Mogens Carne, a member of the Danish Parliament visited Duncan on 28th August.

Folketingssendt Mogens Carne besøgte DANCON 28 AUG.

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Not every Regiment has its own beauty queen, but the 15th/16th The Kings Royal Hussars do. A year ago the men in the Regiment chose Miss Joan Calder, a social worker in South Shields, to be their beauty queen.

Two weeks ago Joan paid a private visit to A Squadron and was pictured at Buzios with a Troop of the Force Reserve just before going for a swim in the pool there. Pictured with her are Troopers R Blacklock and D Nattrass.

The Force Reserve have not often had to fire their troop machine-guns operationally, but they practice continually so they can do so. One of the Troops was pictured recently on the range during a live-firing shoot.

The Director of Army Staff Duties Major General G C L Cooper MC visited the Force last week. During his tour round the British units he was pictured with 2 Pl Robert Schiff who was then the standing troop leader.

Another General visited the Force recently. He was Maj General H Macdonald-Smith CB, the Director General of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He was pictured talking to ASM P Roberts during a visit to the Force workshops.

Generals Visit Britcon

A New Op

Der neue OP A-40 — Foxhill

Im Bereich der 1 Kompanie wird südlich von Athienou ein neuer OP errichtet. Pioniere und Angehörige der 1 Kompanie arbeiten seit dem 21 Juni daran, die drei Unterkunftsbunkern, die Sentry-Boxen, WC- und Duschboxen, sowie die benötigten Neben- einrichtungen bis Ende des Monats fertigzustellen.

Pioneers and members of the 1st Coy built up our new OP A-40.

HQ’s Signal Section

Die Fernsprechleitungen wurden von unserer COMCEN-Crew (ehemaliges BfB) bereits gelost, womit der neue OP schon als Bürotelle telefonisch erreichbar ist.

Our Signal Crew consisting of Capts Weber, WO1 Wodl, WO1 Stahlburger, WO1 Wingeich, WO2 Zumbo, Capt Hoyer, Cpl Dolar, Cpl Schrocker, Cpl Turner, L/Cpl Rehatske, L/Cpl Mihelsmaier, L/Cpl Prost who are not only responsible for the links during day-hours, but also for overseas calls from home.
CELEBRATION IN CANCON

The days of the 24th of June and the 1st July 1977 were big days in Cancon. On the 24th of June, the Regiment celebrated "St Jean Baptiste Day", the holiday honouring the Patron Saint of the Province of Quebec. We celebrated with a parade and a sports day, featuring donkey baseball and inner tube water polo. The competitions between squadrons were keen, and enjoyed.

On the 1st of July we celebrated Canada Day, the anniversary of the nation.

Les jours du 24 juin et du premier juillet étaient les jours de célébration CONCAN. Le 24 juin, le Régiment a célébré le jour de la St Jean Baptiste, la fête qui donne l’honneur au Patron de la Province de Québec. On a fait une parade et une journée des sports, marquée par le baseball et le polo aquatique sur pneumatique. Les compositions entre les unités étaient passionnantes et du bon temps fut pris par tout le monde.

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Fin de l'histoire.

JUHANNUS FINCONISSA

VIERAILJOITA


UNIFC:n toimitusjohtaja on määritellyt 7.7. joulun ajalla liikenteen keskeyttämisen. Eversti Viita on kuvassa vasemmalla.

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Visitors from HQ Finnish Defence Forces came recently to review the situation in UNIFCYP. On the left in the bottom picture is the Chief of Training Section of HQ, Colonel R. Viita; on the right is Chief of Quartermaster Section of HQ, Commander (Navy) T. Kopuri

Finland, and in the middle in Lt Col Jänisjoki, CO FINCON.
VOLLEY BALL AT WOLSELEY

Two weeks ago Wolseley Barracks was once again the venue for the Focus Volley Ball competition. As is now usual the Canadian Contingent organised the competition, and made it a thoroughly exciting and well organised event. More teams entered this year's competition, but this did not prevent the Finnish Contingent's team from winning once again. This year they beat the Danish team in a fast and exciting final.

At the end of the competition Lieutenant Colonel A. L. Goddyy CD presented medals to the first three teams, and congratulated all the others on taking part. The results of the competition were:

1st FINCON
2nd DANCON
3rd MP COY
4th FORCE RESERVE
5th CANCON
6th BRITCON
7th SWEDCON

SILVER MEDALS FOR DANCON

The winning team from FINCON is pictured below with Colonel Goddyy, while above the CO of 15e RCE is seen giving silver medals to the Danish Contingent's team.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

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